

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An emulsifier system comprising from ~~[[50]]~~ 70 to ~~[[about 99%]]100%~~, by weight, of a polyglycerol ester having a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 10 glycerol units wherein not more than about 40% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyglycerol are esterified with fatty acids (hereafter "PGE") and wherein the fatty acids are selected from the group consisting of oleic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid, intermediate melting fatty acids, and mixtures thereof.
2. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein at least about 80% of the PGEs, by weight, have a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 5 glycerol units.
3. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein at least about 80% of the PGEs, by weight, have a polyglycerol backbone of 2 or 3 glycerol units.
4. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein from about 20% to about 35% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyglycerol are esterified with fatty acids.
5. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising PGEs wherein at least about 80% of the ester groups are derived from saturated fatty acids.
6. Cancelled.
7. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 wherein the emulsifier system contains not more than about 15% free polyglycerol.
8. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising a material selected from the group consisting of 2-1-P, 2-1-S, 3-1-P, 3-1-S, 4-1-P, 4-1-S, and mixtures thereof.
9. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 further comprising monoglyceride.
10. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 further comprising a lecithin.
11. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 10 comprising from about 1% to about 25% lecithin, and from about 75% to about 99% PGE.
12. (Original) An emulsifier system of Claim 10 further comprising monoglyceride.

13-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising polyglycerol monoesters having a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 10 glycerol units, wherein at least about 40%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are diglycerol monoesters.

39. (Previously Presented) An emulsifier system of Claim 38 wherein at least about 75%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are comprised of one or more of 2-1-S, 2-1-P and 2-1-IM.

40. (Previously Presented) An emulsifier system of Claim 1 comprising polyglycerol monoesters having a polyglycerol backbone of from 2 to about 10 glycerol units, wherein at least about 40%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are di-triglycerol monoesters.

41. (Previously Presented) An emulsifier system of Claim 40, wherein at least about 75%, by weight, of the polyglycerol monoesters are di-triglycerol monoesters.